The names of our master, ‘Abd al- Qadir al-Gilani (may Allah sanctify his innermost being); also called the Plea for Help [al-Isti’ana].

In the Name of Allah, the All-Merciful, the All-Compassionate.
Bismi’llahi ’r-Rahmani ’r-Rahim.

O Sultan of those who know by direct experience!
ya Sultana ’l-’arifin.

O crown of the masters of reality!
ya taja ’l-muhaqqiqin.

O cupbearer of the spirit!
ya saqiya ’l-humayya.

O beautiful of countenance!
ya jamila ’l-muhayya.

O blessing of humanity!
ya barakata ’l-anam.

O lamplight of the darkness!
ya misbaha ’z-zalam.

O sun without setting!
ya shamsu bi-la afl.

O pearl without equal!
ya durru bi-la mithl.

O full moon without freckles!
ya badru bi-la kalaf.

O ocean without an edge!
ya bahru bi-la taraf.

O Gray Falcon!
ya Bazu ’l-Ashhab.

O reliever of sorrows!
ya farija ’l-kurab.

O Helper Supreme!
ya Ghawthu ’l-A’zam.

O abundant source of
kindness and generosity!
ya wasi'a 'l-lutfi wa 'l-karam.

O treasury of the realities!
ya kanza 'l-haqa'iq.

O mine of the subtleties!
ya ma'dina 'd-daqa'iq.

O means of order and progress!
ya wasita 's-silki wa 's-suluk.

O master of kingship and the kings!
ya sahiba 'l-mulki wa 'l-muluk.

O sun of suns!
ya shamsa 'sh-shumus.

O flower of the souls!
ya zahrata 'n-nufus.

O blower of the fragrant breeze!
ya hawiya 'n-nasim.

O reviver of the decayed!
ya muhyiya 'r-ramim.

O lofty of aspiration!
ya 'aliya 'l-hamim.

O law of the nations!
ya namusa 'l-umam.

O proof of the ardent lovers!
ya hujjata 'l-'ashiqin.

O scion of the family of Ta-Ha and Ya-Sin.
ya Sulalata ali Ta-Ha wa Ya-Sin.

O Sultan of those who reach their goal!
ya Sultana 'l-wasilin.

O heir of the Selected Prophet!
ya waritha 'n-Nabiyyi 'l-Mukhtar.

O vault of the mysteries!
ya khizanata 'l-asrar.

O displayer of the Beauty of Allah!
ya mubdiya Jamali 'llah.

O deputy of Allah's Messenger!
ya na'iba Rasuli 'llah.

O heart of the Chosen!
ya kabida ’l-Mustafa.

O master of fidelity!
ya sahiba ’l-wafa.

O secret of the Preferred!
ya sirra ’l-Mujtaba.

O light of the Approved!
ya nur al-Murtada.

O consolation of the eyes!
ya qurrata ’l-’uyun.

O possessor of the blessed face!
ya dha ’l-wajhi ’l-maimun.

O sound in spiritual states!
ya saliha ’l-ahwal.

O truthful in utterances!
ya sadiqa ’l-aqwal.
O unsheathed sword of Allah!
ya saifa ’llahi ’l-maslul.

O fruit of the purely devoted lady [Fatima]!
ya thamarata ’l-batul.

O sympathizer with the people!
ya rahima ’n-nas.

O remover of injury!
ya mudhhiba ’l-bas.

O opener of treasures!
ya mufattiha ’l-kunuz.

O source of secret signs!
ya ma’dina ’r-rumuz.

O Ka’ba of those who reach their destination!
ya Ka’bata ’l-wasilin.

O means of connection for the seekers!
ya wasilata ’t-talibin.

O shedder of luxuriant rain!
ya mukhjila ’l-matar.

O benefactor of the human being!
ya muhsina ’l-bashar.

O strength of the weak!
ya quwwata ’d-du’afa’.

O refuge of the strangers!
ya malja’a ’l-ghuraba’.

O leader of the devout!
ya imama ’l-muttaqin.

O best of the worshipful servants!
ya safwata ’l-’abidin.

O strong one of the pillars!
ya qawiyya ’l-arkan.

O beloved friend of the All-Merciful!
ya habiba ’r-Rahman.

O revealer of the Eternally Pre-existent Speech!
ya mujliya ’l-Kalami ’l-Qadim.

O healing of the ailments of the sick!
ya shifa’a asqami ’s-saqim.

O most righteous of the righteous!
ya atqa ’l-atqiya’.

O purest of the pure!
ya asfa ’l-asfiya’.

O kindled Fire of Allah!
ya Nara ’llahi ’l-muqada.

O life of the hearts!
ya hayata ’l-af’ida.

O Shaikh of all!
ya Shaikha ’l-kull.

O guide of the ways!
ya dalila ’s-subul.

O chieftain of the loved ones!
ya naqiba ’l-mahbubin.

O destination of the spiritual travelers!
ya maqsuda ’s-salikin.

O noble on both sides [of the family]!
ya karima ’t-tarafain.

O pillar of both parties!
ya ‘umdata ’l-fariqain.

O judge of the judges!
ya qadiya ’l-qudat.

O opener of the doors that are locked!
ya fatiha ’l-mughlaqat.

O sufficient supplier of important provisions!
ya kafiya ’l-muhimmat.

O wall surrounding all things!
ya ha’ita ’l-ashya’.

O light of the council!
ya nura ’l-mala’.

O fulfillment of hope when the work is done!
ya muntaha ’l-amali hina yanqati’u ’l-’amal.

O chief of the chiefs!
ya sayyida ’s-sadat.

O source of felicity!
ya manba’a ’s-sa’adat.

O light of the heavens and the earths!
ya diya’a ’s-samawati wa ’l-aradin.

O dictionary of the preachers!
ya qamusa ’l-wa’izin.

O eye of humankind!
ya ‘aina ’l-wara.

O guide of those who travel by night!
ya qudwata ’s-sura.

O abundance of benefits!
ya jamma ’l-fawa’id.

O relief in adversities!
ya farajan fi ’sh-shada’id.

O ocean of the Sacred Law!
ya bahra ’sh-Shari’a.

O Sultan of the Spiritual Path!
ya Sultana ’t-Tariqa.

O proof of Reality!
ya burhana ’l—Haqiqa.

O interpreter of the knowledge of experience!
ya tarjumana ’l-Ma’rifa.

O discloser of secrets!
ya kashifa ’l-asrar.

O forgiver of transgressions!
ya ghafira ’l-awzar.

O model of the saints!
ya tiraza ’l-awliya’.

O support of the poor!
ya ‘aduda ’l-fuqara’.

O master of splendid spiritual states!
ya dha ’l-ahwali ’l-’azima.

O master of compassionate qualities!
ya dha ’l-awsafi ’r-rahima.

O master of the clear religion!
ya dha ’l-millati ’l-jaliyya.

O master of the Hanbali school [of Islamic law]!
ya dha ’l-madhhabi ’l-Hanbaliyya.

O leader of the leaders!
ya imama ’l-a’imma.

O remover of distress!
ya kashifa ’l-ghumma.

O solver of difficult problems!
ya fatiha ’l-mushkilat.

O welcome guest of the Lord of the Gardens [of Paradise]!
ya maqbulu Rabbi ’l-Jannat.

O boon companion of the All-Merciful!
ya jalisa ’r-Rahman.

O famous native of Jilan!
ya mashhuran mina ’l-Jilan.

O Emperor!
ya Shah.

O secret of my God!
ya sirra Ilahi.

O virtuous one!
ya ‘afif.

O noble one!
ya sharif.

O dutifully devoted one!
ya taqi.

O pure one!
ya naqi.

O champion of the Truth!
ya Siddiq.

O ardently beloved!
ya Ma'shuq.

O Cardinal Pole of the cardinal poles!
ya Qutba 'l-aqtab.

O uniquely beloved!
ya farda 'l-ahbab.

O my master!
ya sayyidi

O my support!
ya sanadi.

O my patron!
ya mawlaya.

O my strength!
ya quwwati.

O my helper!
ya ghawthi.
O my aid!
ya ghiyathi.

O my assistant!
ya 'awni.

O my comfort!
ya rahati.

O satisfier of my needs!
ya qadiya hajati.

O dispeller of my sorrow!
ya farija karbati.

O my radiance!
ya diya'i.

O my hope!
ya raja'i.

O my remedy!

ya shifa'i.

O Sultan Muhyi 'd-Din 'Abd al-Qadir!
ya Sultanu Muhyi 'd-Dini 'Abdi 'l-Qadir.

O light of the innermost beings!
ya nura 's-sara'ir.

O possessor of power!
ya sahiba 'l-qudra.

O bestower of glory!
ya qahiba 'l-'azama.

O He whose secret is manifest in this world and the Hereafter!
ya man zahara sirru-hu fi 'd-dunya wa 'l-akhira.

O king of the age!
ya malika 'z-zaman.

O He who carries out the commandment of Allah!
ya man yuqimu bi-amri 'llah.

O inheritor of the Book of Allah!
ya waritha Kitabi 'llah.

O inheritor of the Messenger of Allah!
ya waritha Rasuli 'llah.

O Cardinal Pole of the cardinal poles!
ya Qutba 'l-aqtab.

O presence of Shaikh 'Abd al-Qadir
ya hadrata 'sh-Shaikh 'Abdi 'l-Qadir
(may Allah sanctify his innermost being and illuminate his mausoleum)!
(qaddasa 'llahu sirra-hu wa nawwir dariha-h).

O secret of secrets!
ya sirra 'l-asrar.

O Ka'ba of the righteous!
ya Ka'bata 'l-abrar.

O Shaikh of every Cardinal Pole and Helper!
ya Shaikha kulli Qutbin wa Ghawth.

O witness of all beings at a glance!
ya shahida 'l-akwani bi-nazra.

O observer of the Throne through his knowledge!
ya mubsira 'l-'Arshi bi-'ilmi-h.

O traveler to the east and the west with a single step!
ya baligha 'l-gharbi wa 'sh-sharqi bi-khatwa.

O Cardinal Pole of the angels, the human race and the jinn!
ya Qutba ’l-mala’ikati wa ’l-insi wa ’l-jinn.

O Cardinal Pole of the land and the sea!
ya Qutba ’l-barri wa ’l-bahr.

O Cardinal Pole of the east and the west!
ya Qutba ’l-mashriqi wa ’l-maghrib.

O Cardinal Pole of the heavens and the earths!
ya Qutba ’s-samawati wa ’l-aradin.

O Cardinal Pole of the Throne and the Pedestal,
ya Qutba ’l-’Arshi wa ’l-Kursiyyi
and of the Tablet and the Pen!
wa ’l-Lawhi wa ’l-Qalam.

O master of aspiration and of intercession!
ya sahiba ’l-himma wa ’sh-shafa’a.

O He who reaches his disciple when the appeal for help is made, ya man
yablughu li-muridi-hi ‘inda ’l-istighatha:
even if he is [far away] in the east!
wa law kana fi ’l-mashriq.
Your horse is saddled and your sword is unsheathed;
farasu-ka masrujatun wa saifu-ka maslulun
your spear is raised and your bow is strung;
wa rumhu-ka mansubun wa qawsu-ka mawturun
your arrow is on target and your mount is ready to ride!
wa sahmu-ka sa’ibun wa rikabu-ka ‘al.

O master of generosity and noble grace!
ya Sahiba ’l-judi wa ’l-karam.

O master of the fine traits of character and aspirations!
ya sahiba ’l-akhlaqi ’l-hasanati wa ’l-himam.

O master of dispensation in this world,
ya sahiba ’t-tasarrufi fi ’d-dunya
and in his grave, by Allah’s leave!
wa fi qabri-hi bi-idhni ’llah.

O master of the foot raised over the neck of every saint of Allah!
ya sahiba ’l-qadami ’l-’ali ‘ala raqabati kulli waliyyin li’llah.

O Supreme Helper, help me in all my states,
ya Ghawthu ’l-A’zamu aghith-ni fi kulli ahwali
and support me in all my hopes, and direct me in your path,
wa ’nsur-ni fi kulli amali wa taqallab-ni fi tariqi-ka
in honor of your forefather Muhammad
bi-hurmati jaddi-ka Muhammadin
(Allah bless him and give him peace),
(salla ’llahu ‘alai-hi wa sallam)

and through his intercession,
his spirit and his innermost being.
wa bi-shifa'ati-hi wa ruhi-hi wa sirri-h.

May Allah bless our master Muhammad and his family
wa salla 'llahu 'ala sayyidi-na Muhammadin wa 'ala ali-hi
and his Companions, and may He grant them peace.
wa sahbi-hi wa sallam.

There is no power nor any strength
wa la hawla wa la quwwata
except with Allah, the All-High, the Almighty.
illa bi'llahi 'l-'Aliyyi 'l-'Azim.

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